

To Whom it May Concern:

Satellite Radio has greatly enhanced the quality of life of millions of people across our country. We, the listening public, have voted for the right to commercial-free music and on-demand traffic and weather information with our wallets. Any paying subscriber of satellite radio who choses NOT to listen to public, advertising-supported radio, should have the right to be provided traffic and weather information from our satellite radio provider due to the monthly access charge we pay for to obtain our satellite radio service. Please let the MARKET, which is really the tax-paying public, decide how we'll receive our music and traffic/weather information. If public/advertising-supported radio can't compete against satellite radio without legal protection -- the equivalent of legal subsidies -- this is a sign that satellite radio is providing a service consumers prefer. I do not want my tax dollars propping up the National Association of Broadcasters nor their member radio stations any longer. Let them compete in the marketplace instead of seeking legal shelter or using our tax dollars to take choices away from us. My life is richer now that I am a satellite radio subscriber and have INSTANT UPDATES for traffic and weather. Public/advertising-supported AM & FM radio DOES NOT deliver - there are NO stations offering INSTANT updates nor commercial-free music. AM & FM radio stations can employ RADIO DATA SERVICE to offer instant traffic and weather, they DO NOT NEED LEGAL PROTECTION. I am tired of the NAB and their member stations complaining about satellite radio. They knew for over a decade it was coming to market, and now that its been introduced, the NAB and their member stations STILL don't offer any alternative that compares. Instead, they are devoting more and more air time to commercials. Let the market dictate competition. Let those who PAY for their radio be provided with WHATEVER their provider will provide them with. Even before my satellite radio provider began offering traffic/weather, I completely stopped listening to AM & FM because of the commercial interruptions and because no station offered timely enough traffic updates (it's not worth sitting through 10 minutes of babble / commercials just to finally hear traffic...by the time you hear it, you're stuck in the traffic jams...). By allowing satellite radio to broadcast instant traffic/weather, you're likely going to help COMBAT congestion around the country... not a bad positive. Send NAB and their member stations home and let the consumers decide which is the better format.